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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C.

> NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision dated March 6, 2000 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-8 and 12-14. Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$300.00 fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

An extension of time for three months up to and including September 6, 2000 has been requested in connection with the response to the Final Office Action submitted concurrently herewith and the fee paid therefor.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Dated: September 6, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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